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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

**Claim 1. A ski boot comprising:**

**a rigid shell portion comprising a layer of thermoplastic material, said rigid shell portion having been made by injection molding;**

**a decorating layer comprising a transparent or translucent material, said decorating layer being compatible with transfer techniques and comprising a design constituted by an arrangement of a plurality of different colored inks; and**

**a fastening layer positioned between said decorating layer and said layer of thermoplastic material.**

**Claim 2. A ski boot according to claim 1, wherein said decorating layer comprises polyamide.**

**Claim 3. A ski boot according to claim 1, wherein said decorating layer comprises polyester.**

**Claim 4. A ski boot according to claim 1, wherein said layer of thermoplastic material is polyurethane.**

**Claim 5. A ski boot according to claim 1, wherein said layer of thermoplastic material is polypropylene.**

**Claim 6. A ski boot according to claim 1, wherein said ski boot is an alpine ski boot having a collar, wherein said rigid shell portion is said collar, and wherein said decorating layer is pressed onto a medial side of said collar.**

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Claim 7. A method for decorating a shell portion of an alpine ski boot comprising:

preparing a transfer layer comprising a design constituted by an arrangement of a plurality of differently colored sublimable inks;

transferring said design from said transfer layer to a decorating layer made from a transparent or translucent material, said transparent or translucent material being compatible with transfer techniques;

making a complex having said decorating layer with a fastening layer;

positioning said complex in a mold;

injection molding a thermoplastic material in said mold;

extracting said shell portion from said mold.

Claim 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein said decorating layer comprises polyamide.

Claim 9. A method according to claim 7, wherein said decorating layer comprises polyester.

Claim 10. A method for decorating a shell portion of an alpine ski boot according to claim 7, wherein said complex is made after transfer of said design to said decorating layer.

Claim 11. A method for decorating a shell portion of an alpine ski boot according to claim 7, wherein said complex is made before transfer of said design to said decorating layer.